

BRANCH MANAGERS OF BELDING BROS. AND COMPANY HERE

TWENTY-SEVEN MEN FROM
BRANCHES IN UNITED STATES
DISCUSS BUSINESS

The annual meeting and coming together of the representatives and heads of departments of Belding Bros. & Company is being held here this week and as usual the men are making Hotel Belding their headquarters.

There are twenty-seven in the party coming from different states representing branch offices as superintendents and managers.

Reports of business conditions are made and suggestions as to any new system of extending and enlarging trade are received and discussed. The officials are much pleased with the excellent conditions of the mills here and the way the business is conducted under the efficient management of F. W. Howard and Fred A. Washburn. They also note the improved appearance of the city with reference particularly to street paving, but criticize the unimproved appearance along Main street of the city.

In the party are: W. F. McDougal, Toronto; A. N. Lincoln, Baltimore; A. W. Gray, St. Louis; A. F. Barnard, San Francisco; A. T. Welch and E. O. Black, Cincinnati; J. G. Lawler, Winstead, Canada; Geo. P. Richardson, Gen. E. C. Young, H. H. Belding, Wm. A. Leonard, E. L. Mitchell, Chicago; C. E. Young, S. L. Livermore, H. J. Soria, Boston; C. E. Reynolds, Montreal; M. M. Belding, Jr., C. W. Fisher, O. G. Fisher, Florence W. Marr, New York; A. N. Belding, F. N. Belding, Rockville, Conn.; W. S. Belding, L. L. Belding, Philadelphia; E. F. Crooks, Northampton, Mass.

SMITH-SCOTT MARRIAGE AT IONIA

Stoell J. Smith and Mrs. Alice R. Scott were married in Ionia Wednesday, October 11, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Herbert Kent. The Rev. A. B. Chapman performed the ceremony.

The groom is one of the well-known old residents of this part of the county and the bride has been residing in this city for several months, coming here from Ionia and has kept a boarding house in one of Mr. Younger's houses on Bridge street.

The couple met for the first time only a few weeks ago and friendship ripened into love culminating in the happy event. Mr. and Mrs. Smith will continue to live here for the present but later may go to his farm to reside. Their many friends wish them much joy and happiness.

MORE ROOM NECESSARY AT CENTRAL BUILDING

The crowding of students in the grades at the Central building compelled the board of education to hire another teacher for the sixth and seventh grades. They secured Miss Alice Gallagher of Adrian. She began work Tuesday morning.

To make room for the pupils and relieve, as much as possible, the congested condition of the grades, it was necessary to re-construct the basement of the Central building. The girls' toilet rooms were transferred to a small room heretofore used as a storage room for desks and supplies and the old toilet room was changed before the opening of school in the fall to a room for the manual training department. Up to date it has been necessary for the board to spend several hundred dollars to relieve the congestion and still the rooms are overcrowded.

QUICK ROUND UP OF AUTOMOBILE THEIF

Last week Tuesday Under Sheriff Mark Hoppough made a quick round up of an automobile thief when Perry Mickle reported the loss of his car from near Hayes factory in Ionia. Mr. Hoppough suspected at once that George Doyle, an ex-convict was the thief and getting on his trail located him first at Lowell. On arriving there he found Doyle had left for Grand Rapids and took up the trail at once. Arriving in that city he picked up a clue that led to the Arlington saloon where both thief and automobile were found. Doyle is in jail awaiting his sentence.

In just three hours and fifteen minutes by the watch Mr. Hoppough had the man behind the bars.

Sheriff Lowrey is to be congratulated on the efficient work of his office and the force under him.

Will Hold Japanese Tea

A Japanese tea and thimble party will be held at the home of Mrs. Henry Friedly Saturday, October 14, from 2:30 to 5 o'clock. It will be given in the interest of the W. F. M. S. of the M. E. church and every member is urged to be present and bring a guest. Program, refreshments, costumes and decorations will be on the Japanese order.

Parcel Post Party

The Sunday school of the Baptist church extend a hearty invitation to everybody, young and old, to attend a parcel post party at the church on Saturday evening, October 14. There will be a booth where candy of different varieties, the real home-made luscious kind, will be sold including Will Orser's famous warm taffy.

But the unique attraction will be a real bargain sale—a sale of parcel post packages, sent in from far and near. Every package will contain something of value and will be sold for only ten cents. Come! Be sure to come and have an evening of jolly fun.—adv.

WYRICK RECITAL WILL DRAW A BIG CROWD

Following is the program to be rendered by Ambrose Wyrick in the opera house next Friday evening. Mr. Wyrick has attained a place in the hearts of Belding music lovers that is enviable. Those who have heard him repeatedly are the most enthusiastic over the opportunity offered them to hear him again.

Here the program Mr. Wyrick will give Friday evening:

- (1) "Morning".....Speaks
- (2) "It's Oh! to See the Cabin".....Craxton
- (3) "Yes, Let Me Like a Soldier".....Wallace
- (4) "Fall".....Wallace
- (5) Violin Selections.....Miss Coleman
- (6) "When the Dew is Falling".....Schneider
- (7) "The Melody of Home".....Stephenson
- (8) "My Sweet Repose".....Schubert
- (9) "Serenade de Don Juan".....Tschakowsky
- (10) Mr. Wyrick
- (11) Violin Selections.....Miss Coleman
- (12) "Mavis".....Craxton
- (13) "Songs My Mother Taught Me".....Dvorsky
- (14) "Torreador Song (Carmen)".....G. Bisset
- (15) Mr. Wyrick

At the conclusion of the program the following songs will be sung by request. Present requests by note. "In Italy" "Old Black Joe" "Roamin' in the Gloomin'" "I Love a Lassie" "The Picnic" "Swanee River" "The Old Refrain" "When Irish Eyes are Smiling" "The Rosary" "I'll Take You Home Again Kathleen" "The Banjo Song" "Little Bit of Heaven" "Mother Macis chree" "Dawning" etc.

HUNTED JACKSNIP WITH DOG IN A POKE

A. J. Medlar of Syracuse, N. Y., and Florida is the guest of William Bright, John Cusser and Chris Liebum and is spending a few weeks here and in Orleans. He and Mr. Liebum are putting in considerable time hunting ducks, Jack snipe and partridge. They are both good marksmen and very seldom a bird on the wing escapes.

Chris has a dog of the setter breed which leads him a merry chase, in fact, he works so fast as to tire him out. When Chris was in Denmark some one told him to put a poke on setter dogs when on the hunt, which would cause them to slow down. He rigged up one for this occasion and the result was the dog dug in faster than ever and soon put Chris out of commission, causing him to puff and blow like a porpoise.

Mr. Medlar, who has spent fourteen winters in Florida and hunted all kinds of game from jack rabbits to alligators, says this was the first time he ever saw or heard of a hunting dog with a poke on. They bagged three ducks, seven jack snipe and six partridges before both the dog and Chris gave out.

FIRST GAME PROVED JONER TO THE LOCALS

The Belding High school foot ball team went down to a decided defeat at Grand Ledge Saturday in the initial game of the season. The boys had had little practice, and in fact, had only been organized one week. The trip to their battle field was made in an automobile truck and consumed four hours time. The players arrived in time to eat a light lunch before the game.

The boys carried home a big goose-egg, but the size of the nest for Grand Ledge would not be believed if told. Some different figures are promised when the locals get used to their "spikes."

Was Here in Early Day

L. W. LeClerc of Lakeview was in the city last Friday visiting with P. F. Curtis and other old friends. In the lumbering days of Michigan he handled logs and did teaming for the lumbermen and also kept a hotel near Langston with whom Mr. Curtis and many other teamsters stopped over night when hauling supplies to the camps. Mr. LeClerc worked for some time before he was married for "Cap" Coon when he kept the old hotel in Greenville and dived supplies from Grand Rapids through Plainfield, Rockford and Courtland Center on the old stage line. He said when he first came to this place it was known as "Hog Hole" and later Knott's Mill.

Are Here on Visit

Mrs. M. E. Lloyd and daughters, Miss Leone Lloyd and Mrs. Sybil Forsythe of Westchester, Pa., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elvon Lloyd and Mr. and Mrs. Nevin Lloyd. They arrived Saturday, Mr. Lloyd motoring them in Ionia with his automobile. They were all residents here a number of years ago and have many friends in the city, who will be pleased to greet them during their stay of a few weeks.

Talk on Fuel

Every user of fuel can profit by reading the half page talk on fuel by the Belding Coal & Ice company this week. The company tells of the saving and convenience of certain fuel and also the secret of using it successfully. The talk is on page 6.

Tell Us the News

In every home every week, there is something happening that would make an interesting news item if the editor could get hold of it. Some people are thoughtful and kind in sending in items while others are very reluctant, but the latter are usually very prompt to tell us after the paper is out that we don't print this or that. We want news, all we can get; not long magazine articles, but just short items of interesting news; and we appreciate the kindness of all who help us in this way.

No General Registration This Year

There has been some question regarding a general registration of voters this year. Such registration is not required except for those who are not already registered.

According to a ruling by Attorney-General Grant Fellows there is no provision in the election law providing for a general registration on presidential election years in villages and townships. Fellows says voters in all cities under the fourth class city act must register this year and new registration must take place in cities having special charter requirements.

Belding does not come under these requirements.

HIS FOR SALE ADV. SOLD THE STOVE

Fred Beckwith made a quick sale last week of his heating stove through the medium of the Banner's want column. Five inquiries for the stove were had the following day of its publication. A sale was made and another would be purchaser came in after it was sold.

The surprising thing relative to it is that the stove had been standing around in the way for a year and Fred didn't know how to get rid of it until he caught on to the idea of letting a thousand or more people know it was for sale. A fifteen cent adv. did the business.

BELDING'S SECOND BIG DOLLAR DAY COMES OCTOBER 21

THIRTY-TWO OF THE LOCAL
MERCHANTS OFFER MONEY
SAVING MERCHANDISE

Belding will have another Dollar Day. The date has been set for Saturday, October 21. Thirty-two of the local merchants will participate in the event, and unusual values will be offered by every one of them.

Next week's issue of the Banner will be a "Dollar Day" issue. The merchants will give special attention to the Dollar Day offerings, and every advertisement will be worth reading. Another big free dinner will be tendered all rural visitors to the city on Dollar Day and many other attractions will be given for the entertainment of visitors as well as giving them rare opportunities to buy goods at money saving prices. Everybody for miles around Belding should plan to spend Saturday, October 21 in this city and should read the splendid values offered in the advertising columns of the Banner next week.

Hurt "On Slide for Life"

Glenn Spencer, son of Mrs. Mac Spencer had the misfortune to be in an accident last Thursday. He with other boys was at play on a "slide for life" they had erected near Mert Eaves' and in some manner he fell breaking his right arm near the wrist and also injured his ankle. Dr. Pinkham attended him and the lad will be out again in the course of a week or two.

MERCHANTS GIVE OPEN STATEMENT TO PUBLIC

In a recent issue of a Jacksonville, Florida paper the five leading shoe dealers of that city issued an open statement to the public regarding the increased cost of shoes and leather goods. Here is what they said:

We are uniting in publishing this statement because we know that the public is fair-minded and interested in knowing the facts about the shoe and leather situation.

Do you know that every single item that enters into the making of a pair of shoes—leather, linings, nails, thread, etc., has greatly increased in cost in the last six months?

The causes of the advance are chiefly as follows:

1st. The demand for leather is greater than the supply—on account of the decrease in number of cattle in the United States. For instance, in 1907, there were raised in the United States 51,565,731 beef cattle and there was a population of 87,320,539; in 1909 there was 49,379,000 beef cattle to a population of 90,550,521; in 1911, there were 39,679,000 beef cattle to a population of 92,792,509; in 1913, there were 36,030,000 beef cattle to a population of 97,026,000; and in 1916, there were 39,453,000 beef cattle to a population of 103,000,000.

2d. Cost of tanning materials has increased 100 per cent to 1,000 per cent owing to the blockade of certain ports.

3d. Decreased supply of raw skins by curtailment of some of the supply centers due to the European war.

4th. The freight embargo of Eastern railroads, due to shortage of ships for carrying.

5th. Increased marine freight and insurance charges owing to the war.

6th. Export of huge quantities of shoes and other articles made of leather to Europe.

7th. Increased leather consumption in America due to the greater employment of labor all over the country and more money in circulation from increased business earnings.

8th. Autos have made great inroads into the available leather supply for upholstery as it takes an average of two hides to each car.

These causes have forced shoe manufacturers to advance prices.

Supervisors in Ionia

Supervisors John W. Moore, W. B. Travis and Barney C. Curtis are attending the October session of the Board of Supervisors at the county seat this week. They have concluded to try the scheme of boarding at home during the week's session and will go to the county seat and return each day by automobile.

SCHOOL BUILDING IS AGAIN BEFORE BOARD

Among other things discussed by the Board of Education at its regular meeting last Wednesday evening was the new school building possibilities. No definite action was taken but it was the opinion of the board members that some plans for building in the second ward should be obtained and discussed.

A contract was given Estley Brooks of Ionia to teach in the fifth grade, this grade being crowded so much that an additional teacher was necessary.

It was voted to close school November 2 and 3 to permit the teachers to attend the state teachers' meeting in Grand Rapids. Teachers who attend will be given full pay. It is expected that everyone will go.

Besides passing the regular bills the board did not transact any other business.



REV. W. A. BISS
Newly Elected Moderator of Grand River Baptist Association.

The anniversary of the Grand River Baptist association held at Greenville last week was very successful. Many delegates from Belding were glad to attend those inspirational meetings.

The new officers are: Moderator, W. A. Biss, Belding; vice-moderator, H. S. Ellis, Ashley; clerk-treasurer, J. H. Steward, Courtland; association Bible school superintendent, F. L. Warner, Belding; secretary-treasurer of Young Peoples' work, Miss Blanche Harvey, Belding.

The next association meeting will be held at Sebawa.

CROP REPORT FOR OCTOBER SHOWS A NORMAL CONDITION

YIELD OF POTATOES IS BELOW
THE AVERAGE FOR MICHIGAN
—SOME NOT HARVESTED

Wheat.—The estimated yield of wheat in the State is 15.76, in the southern counties 15.94, in the central counties 16.27, in the northern counties 14.20 and in the Upper Peninsula 19.80 bushels per acre. The final estimated total yield for the State, sections and counties will be given in the November Crop Report.

The per cent of acreage sown this fall as compared with last year is 88 in the State, 86 in the southern counties, 89 in the central counties, 91 in the northern counties and 95 in the Upper Peninsula. The average date of sowing wheat in the State and central counties is September 23d, in the southern counties the 26th, in the northern counties the 18th and in the Upper Peninsula the 16th.

The total number of bushels of wheat marketed by farmers in September at 52 flouring mills is 73,104 and at 63 elevators and to grain dealers 145,624 or a total of 218,728 bushels.

Of this amount 161,047 bushels were marketed in the southern four tiers of counties, 41,875 in the central counties and 15,806 in the northern counties and Upper Peninsula.

The estimated total number of bushels of wheat marketed in the two months August-September is 2,500,000. Thirty-two mills, elevators and grain dealers report no wheat marketed in September.

Rye.—The per cent sown this fall as compared with last year is 92 in the State, 90 in the southern and central counties, 95 in the northern counties and 99 in the Upper Peninsula.

Barley.—The estimated average yield per acre in the State is 23.12, in the southern counties 24.30, in the central counties 22.64, in the northern counties 19.55 and in the Upper Peninsula 25.58 bushels.

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ENTERTAINED GUESTS AT THEIR HOME

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hetherington entertained the representatives of the Belding Bros. & Company, who are here this week on Tuesday evening at their pleasant home, corner of Washington and Hanover streets. There were about thirty present and the occasion was a most delightful one. Refreshments were served and it was nearly the midnight hour before the guests departed. The party have been entertained on numerous occasions before by Mr. and Mrs. Hetherington, while they were in charge of Hotel Belding, but this is the first since getting into their home life and they were complimented and congratulated very highly on their new and pleasant surroundings.

Baptist Church News
The Baptist State convention of Michigan will meet at Battle Creek next week.

Bought a Haynes

John J. Crossken returned last week from Chicago where he had been for some time. He came by the way of Hammond, Ind., and brought home a Haynes five-passenger automobile which he purchased while there. He was accompanied by John Woernapke and him how to handle and run the new car.

Rally Day

Next Sunday is rally day at the Congregational church. The Sunday school scholars will have a part in the morning service. Preaching at 10:30. A large attendance of the membership is looked for.

VOTE NO ON "HOME RULE" PROPOSITION

This masquerading "Home Rule" spells home ruin, emphasized W. B. Waltman in a speech at Howard City recently. There is not a father in Michigan who will willingly surrender his boys to the saloons, so why should a single father vote saloon power in? You may as well talk about running a sawmill without sawlogs as to talk of running saloons without boys. The saloons require a new crop of boys every year.

Every voter in Michigan should vote "yes" on state-wide prohibition and at the same time vote "no" on "home rule."

DEM CANDIDATES TOURED IONIA COUNTY TUESDAY

EDWIN F. SWEET AND WM. A.
SEEGMILLER SPOKE TO
BELDING CROWD

The candidates on the Democratic ticket for Ionia county, together with Edwin F. Sweet, candidate for governor, and William A. Seegmiller, candidate for representative in congress, made a tour of the county Tuesday, stopping here from ten to one o'clock. While in the city the candidates called on all the business men possible and got acquainted in a political way.

The party took dinner at Hotel Belding and immediately following the dinner Mr. Sweet was introduced by I. L. Hubbell to the crowd awaiting outside the hotel. Mr. Sweet was not in good physical condition to talk in the open air and hence did not prolong his address. He spoke of his work in the department of commerce at Washington and of his intimate acquaintance with President Wilson. He said in part, "the more I see of the great president the better I like him. Most of the newspapers of the country, unfortunately for the people, are Republican and I have three sons and if I was in charge of the administration is doing for the country. But I say I like Woodrow Wilson and if I admired him for no other reason than for the fact that he has kept us out of war I would still consider him one of the greatest men of the hour. It does not make any difference if he did write several notes. It would be well if he could teach the rulers of the European countries that the pen is mightier than the sword. I am of the opinion that all Europe would have been better off if the rulers had written a few notes among themselves and thus have spared the war."

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WON THOMAS TROPHY WINNING SHOWN HERE

Jesse Altenburg brought home from Pittsburgh his silver bat and ball, known as the Thomas trophy, and which was won by him for having the highest batting average the past season. The trophy is now being shown in the front window of George Thomas' jewelry store.

Altenburg left this week for Ann Arbor where he entered school. He is taking the law course offered by the university.

Birthday Surprise

Mrs. Henry Darling was very pleasantly surprised Wednesday evening at her home on South Broas street the occasion being her birthday. Twenty-one ladies were present and the evening was spent very pleasantly with music and games, after which a fine lunch was served by Mrs. Darling's granddaughter, Miss Neva Darling, who had planned the party. The ladies left Mrs. Darling a lovely ice cream set and salad dish as remembrances of the occasion.

Fords Came Together

Two Ford cars came together head-on, on the State road north of this city on Thursday afternoon, near the farm home of Henry Hall, with measurably fortunate results for the occupants of the cars, one of which had six passengers and the other two. One of the cars was owned by Mrs. Insley of Smyrna. This car carried the big load, and Mrs. Insley was the worst injured of all, suffering a dislocated shoulder and a bruised head from sudden contact with the steering wheel. The other car was owned and driven by Fred Hackett of Ionia. Samuel Downing of this city, who happened along soon after the accident, took the Smyrna party to their homes in his car. The cars were both badly damaged.

F. & A. M. Communication

There will be a special communication of Belding Lodge No. 355 F. & A. M. Saturday evening, beginning at 6:30 for work in the EA degree. All brothers welcome. J. B. Cook, W.M.

Read the "Want Ads" This Week

COVERT'S STORE NOW ON PAVED WAY

The host of rural customers of W. L. Covert, the South Bridge street grocer, will be pleased to know that they can again drive to the front door of this hustling trading center. The improvement work on South Bridge street is now completed and the street is opened. Mr. Covert has built up an enviable trade among the farmers, who thoroughly appreciate his fair and businesslike manner of dealing.

Covert's grocery is one of the busiest trading points in Belding. A wide assortment of groceries, vegetables, canned goods and numerous other things in every home is there all the time. The stocks are the best and are displayed in attractive form. Many people could profit by getting the habit of trading at Covert's. Read his announcement each week on the last page of the Banner.

E. M. Belding Injured

Word was received here last week by Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Belding that their nephew, E. M. Belding, well-known here fell from a scaffold while working on a building at Pierson and was quite severely injured. It is thought he suffered a stroke of paralysis. He was given medical attention at once and reports from there this week are that he is better and may fully recover.

Mr. Belding is a member of the Knights of Pythias of Fortuna lodge and resided here two or three years ago.

Left for Hunting Grounds

Leopold Krupp and Ray VanGilder left Tuesday morning for the Upper Peninsula on their annual deer hunting trip. They will stop at Kenner, with Ed. Jersey and together the party will work the hunting grounds in that vicinity for game. There is no doubt that each hunter will get his full quota of deer as they are expert hunters and marksmen.

FREE METHODISTS HELD QUARTERLY MEETINGS

The Free Methodists held their quarterly district conference here for three days last week, closing Sunday night. The meetings were largely attended by delegates from the different churches throughout the district. It was estimated that more than two hundred people were present at the Sunday meeting.

There are fifteen appointments in this district and all of the pastors were present except the one at Stanton, who was unable to come. Reports from the pastors were interesting, showing an activity in the work all along the line. The conference, which was in charge of District Elder J. W. Archer, was the most successful one ever held here. Rev. G. W. Kiffer of Hastings preached to an immense audience Sunday evening.

The ministers in attendance were: J. W. Archer, Lowell; G. W. Kiffer, Hastings; L. H. Hahn, Morgan; G. H. Aikins, Sunfield; J. B. Griswold, Grand Ledge; R. H. Mellott, Saranac; J. N. Bodine, St. Louis; H. Packard, W. D. Gay, A. Disbrow, J. A. Howlett, F. Smith, Rev. Johnson, E. Drew, W. C. Watson, and S. Johnson.

INSPECTION MEETING WOMANS' RELIEF CORPS

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COUNTY COMMITTEE IS BANQUETED IN IONIA FRIDAY EVE

PLANS FOR HOLDING GRIDLEY
CLUB BANQUET ARE DISCUSSED;
ALSO OTHER MATTERS

An enthusiastic political meeting was held at the Brown-Williston hotel in Ionia last Friday evening, when the members of the County Republican Campaign committee were entertained to a banquet by the candidates, chairman and secretary of the committee. About sixty-five men attended.

Following the banquet Chairman Smith had the secretary call upon each candidate for a short talk. They all responded and were of the opinion that they would win out in the coming election. George W. Miller of Montcalm county and candidate for state senator, made the first talk and brought up many happy remembrances of early days in Ionia and this section of Michigan.

After the candidates had all been given a chance to talk the committee-men from each ward in the county were asked to suggest some idea that would further the republican cause in the respective precincts. Many committee-men were confident that a good majority would be polled for the republicans in their wards but others expressed doubts as to the outcome.

It was decided to hold a Gridley club banquet during the latter part of October or the first of November. The two dates suggested were October 27 and November 3. In either event it is the plan to have the banquet held at the conclusion of a campaign trip through the county with a